

# 2008 ELECTIONS (revised 9/8/08)

**NOTE: Congressional 1<sup>st</sup> Party Primary on September 6 rescheduled to October 4 due to Hurricane Gustav.**

Date of Election	February 9	March 8	July 19	October 4	November 4	December 6
Type of Election	Presidential Preference Primary and Municipal Primary	Municipal General	Propositions Only	Open Primary / 1 <sup>st</sup> Party Primary	Open General / Presidential / Congressional General / 2 <sup>nd</sup> Party Primary in Cong. Dists. 2 & 4 (if necessary)	Congressional General in Cong. Dists. 2 & 4 (if necessary)
<b>Deadline: Specials</b>	11/26/07	n/a	n/a	6/20/08	n/a	n/a
<b>Deadline: Propositions</b>	11/30/07	1/22/08	6/3/08	7/25/08	9/19/08	n/a
<b>Qualifying Dates</b>	12/12/07 – 12/14/07	n/a	n/a	7/9/08 – 7/11/08	n/a	n/a
<b>Last Day to Register to Vote</b>	1/9/08	2/6/08	6/18/08	9/3/08	10/6/08	11/5/08
<b>Time Period to Request a Mail Ballot from Registrar</b> (other than Military and Overseas)	12/11/07 – 2/5/08	1/8/08 – 3/4/08	5/20/08 – 7/15/08	8/5/08 – 9/30/08	9/5/08 – 10/31/08	10/7/08 – 12/2/08
<b>Deadline for Registrar to Receive Voted Mail Ballot</b> (other than Military and Overseas)	2/8/08	3/7/08	7/18/08	10/3/08	11/3/08	12/5/08
<b>Early Voting Begins</b>	1/26/08	2/23/08	7/5/08	9/20/08	10/21/08	11/18/08
<b>Early Voting Ends</b>	2/2/08	3/1/08	7/12/08	9/27/08	10/28/08	11/25/08

## PRESIDENTIAL QUALIFYING

**2/9/08 Presidential Preference Primary:** Democratic/Republican presidential nominees - Qualifying period begins 12/12/2007, ends 12/14/2007.

### **11/4/08 Presidential Election:**

- **Recognized political party candidates** are certified to SOS by the state central committee prior to 5:00 p.m. on 9/2/2008. If not properly certified by state central committee by the deadline, then national chairman of the Party certifies presidential candidates to SOS prior to 5:00 p.m. on 9/5/2008. (Recognized political parties include: Democratic, Republican, Green, Libertarian, and Reform)
- **Other presidential candidates** - Qualifying period begins 8/5/2008, ends 9/2/2008.

**NOTE: DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE BY THE LEGISLATURE**